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SUBJ: TRAVELLING CONGRESSMAN BINGHAM

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1. POST DELIGHTED AT PROSPECT CONGRESSMAN BINGHAM PLANS VISIT BUDAPEST AND CONSIDERING PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAM OF MEETINGS WITH SELECT AUDIENCES.
2. PROPOSE CONGRESSMAN BINGHAM PARTICIPATE IN SEMINAR ON CONGRESS AND FOREIGN POLICY AT PAO RESIDENCE EITHER EVENING OF APRIL 5 OR 6 WITH GROUP OF AROUND 30 ENGLISH-SPEAKING HUNGARIAN MEDIA LEADERS, EDITORS, COLUMNISTS AND NEWSMEN DEALING WITH FOREIGN POLICY, AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER HUNGARIAN OFFICIAL CIRCLES.
3. SEMINAR WOULD BE PART OF SERIES OF SIMILAR HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL EVENTS STAGED DURING PAST YEAR, LATEST OF WHICH OCCURRED IN JANUARY WITH REPS. WILLIAM CLAY (D-MO.) AND MARVIN ESCH (R-MICH). DISCUSSIONS ARE COMPLETELY OFF-THE-RECORD, HAVE BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY A UNCLASSIFIED

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FREE-RANGING AND STIMULATING HIGH-LEVEL GIVE-AND-TAKE

AND HAVE BEEN UNIFORMLY ENJOYED BY ALL PARTICIPATING
GUESTS.

4. USEFULNESS OF SEMINARS IS VERY GREAT TO US POLICY
OBJECTIVES, BECAUSE AUDIENCE COMPOSED OF WELL-INFORMED
AND INFLUENTIAL OPINION LEADERS SPECIALIZING IN FOREIGN
POLICY QUESTIONS. IN LIGHT OF CHANGING RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE BRANCHES IN THE
FOREIGN POLICY AREA, DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT WOULD
BE OF HIGHEST INTEREST AND EXCEPTIONALLY TIMELY.
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